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Re: Docket No. 2009-0048; Molokai Public Utilities, Inc. ("MPU") - General Rate Case, July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 Test Year

Dear Mr. Nishina, Ms. Bronster and Ms. Castagnetti:

Pursuant to the Stipulated Regulatory Schedule approved by the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") in the Order Approving Proposed Procedural Order, as Modified, filed on November 6, 2009, the parties<sup>1</sup> were required to file their Direct Testimonies and Exhibits on January 6, 2010.<sup>2</sup>

By separate letters dated and filed on January 6, 2010, the Consumer Advocate and the County request that the Commission approve an extension of time for the Consumer Advocate and the County to submit their respective Direct Testimony and Exhibits from Wednesday, January 6, 2010, to Wednesday, January 13, 2010; and also approve a corresponding extension of time for MPU to submit its information requests ("IRs") to the Parties (other than MPU) from Tuesday, January 19, 2010, to Friday, January 22, 2010 ("Extension Requests").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The parties to this proceeding are: (1) MPU; (2) the Division of Consumer Advocacy, Department of Commerce Consumer Affairs ("Consumer Advocate"); (3) the County of Maui ("County"); (4) Stand for Water ("SFW"); (5) Molokai Properties, Limited ("MPL"); and (6) West Molokai Association (collectively, the "Parties").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>West Molokai Association timely filed its Direct Testimonies and Exhibits on January 6, 2010.

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The Consumer Advocate states that additional time is needed since it has been unable to complete its review and prepare its Direct Testimony and Exhibits due to work required for other docketed matters. The County states that it requires additional time to submit its Direct Testimony and Exhibits due to its counsel's conflicting and heavy trial and litigation schedule in January 2010. The Consumer Advocate and the County both represent that MPU does not object to their Extension Requests.

The Commission will treat the Consumer Advocate and the County's Extension Requests as motions for extension of time ("Motions"), pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") §§ 6-61-23 and 6-61-41.3 Upon review of the Consumer Advocate and the County's Motions and consideration of all related matters, the Commission finds good cause to grant the Motions. Thus, the Commission approves the Consumer Advocate and the County's requests for extension of the proposed deadlines. Accordingly, the deadline for the Consumer Advocate and the County to file their respective Direct Testimony and Exhibits is extended from Wednesday, January 6, 2010, to Wednesday, January 13, 2010. In addition, MPU's deadline to submit its IRs to the Consumer Advocate and the County is extended from Tuesday, January 19, 2010, to Friday, January 22, 2010. All other deadlines set forth in the Stipulated Regulatory Schedule shall remain unchanged.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Ji Sook Kim at 586-2013.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Pursuant to: (1) HAR § 6-61-23(a)(1), the Commission for good cause shown may order a period enlarged if a written request is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed; and (2) HAR § 6-61-41(e), motions that do not involve the final determination of a proceeding may be determined by the chairperson or a commissioner.